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OAKLAND CHOOSES BOARD ADOPTS BUDGET "S. F. FIRST" CALLS

Dr. Van Horn Resigns and Dr. Reidenbach Accepts

On July 1st, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn will retire from the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Oakland. Dr. Van Horn was pastor of the church for a number of years, resigning in 1922 to accept the call of the First Congregational Church of Tacoma. He returned to Oakland four years ago for a brief visit and was asked to serve his former parish as ad interim pastor. Later on a definite call was extended to him, which he accepted. It was the understanding of both parties that this arrangement would terminate on July 1st, 1933. During this second pastorate Dr. and Mrs. Van Horn have both more deeply endeared themselves to the people of Oakland and to the churches of our Conference in general. They have served on almost every committee and Board of our Conference, and have taken a lively interest in our entire enterprise. They have given themselves unsparsingly and effectively and it is the sincere hope of their many friends that they will continue to dwell among us. During the summer they plan to tour the east, visiting a former parish at Worcester, Massachusetts, where their son is now the pastor. Further plans have not yet been announced.

For two years or more the pulpit committee of the First Church has been engaged in an earnest search for a leader and pastor. The choice has finally fallen on Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Ph. D., of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Dr. Reidenbach is a graduate of Butler University of Indiana and of Yale Divinity School. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant graduates of that institution, having won prizes both for elocution and scholarship. For a number of years he was pastor of the Westminster Congregational Church of Kansas City, Missouri, from which he was called to the Second Church of Holyoke, the Cathedral Church of western Massachusetts. Dr. Reidenbach is a young man in his early forties and is ably assisted in his work by his wife. They have one son, a lad of about twelve years of age. It is predicted that Dr. Reidenbach will bring to Northern California in general and to Oakland First Church in particular rare gifts of leadership and power. The PACIFIC joins with others in extending congratulations and good wishes.

M. E. M. ASILOMAR CONFERENCE

Seven days replete with adventure and interest are promised those who attend the 20th annual Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar. The dates for this year will be August 5-12, just one week instead of the ten-day period of years previous. Nationally known leaders conduct forums, round tables, parliaments, classes and dramatics. The registration fee is reduced to \$2.50. Room and board for tent houses is \$15.10. Further information may be secured from the secretary, Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 220 Moncada Way, San Francisco. "Christ and the Modern World" is the theme for this year.

APRIL MEETING OF CONFERENCE BOARD FACES AND MEETS SERIOUS PROBLEM OF BUDGET REDUCTION

The April meeting of the Conference Board was one of serious and far-reaching consequences. Eighteen out of the total of twenty-one members were present. Superintendent Harley H. Gill presented a budget for the fiscal year beginning April first which bore the unanimous endorsement of the Finance Committee. A year ago a deficit of \$5,000 had accumulated and serious cuts were made in salaries, general expenses and missionary appropriations. During 1932 the income of the Conference so seriously declined that further emergency reductions were made in January. As a result of these reductions there was a savings amounting to \$2,400 over the budget adopted a year ago but that was not sufficient for income had declined to such an extent that the year was closed with an added deficit of \$2,500.

It was felt by the Board that heroic measures must be taken for the coming year so an additional \$2,800, has been sliced off from the budget of expenditures.

Just how seriously the Conference work has been affected by the depression is reflected in the following budget total for the past few years:

1930-31	\$37,873
1931-32	38,445
1932-33	32,330
1933-34	27,178

In reality the decline has been much greater than the above figures would indicate for all of those items include payments on annuities at substantially the same figure, so that the amount available for actual work has declined in greater proportion.

Early in the year goal adoption cards were sent out to the churches and responses were received from those who contributed a total of about two-thirds of our income. These cards forecast a further decline of missionary giving for 1933 as against 1932. Therefore, after every economy in budget had been made and every item of income, included, there was still a budget shortage of over \$1,400. It was felt by the Finance Committee and by the Board that if our work is to be maintained with any sort of effectiveness, we could not make an additional reduction of any such amount. Therefore as a last re-

sort and fully recognizing the burdens of the national societies, it was voted to change the scale of percentages of apportionment distribution to take effect as of April first.

Much the same situation applied to the Ministers' Relief Society. All pensions were reduced by at least 10% but that was not sufficient. It was voted to take an additional 1% from the apportionment for that purpose.

The new scale of percentages appears below in contrast with that previously in effect:

	New Schedule	Previous Schedule
State Work	52%	48%
State Minister's Relief	3%	2%
Home Boards	18%	20%
American Board	27%	30%

The Board desires to call the attention of the churches to two facts:

1. When the Conference took over the A. M. A. work and the A. M. A. percentage of the apportionment, the schedule which was put in effect gave the Home Boards 18%. Subsequently this percentage was raised to 20, which has obtained up to the present time. Therefore, the new schedule restores the percentage which was determined upon as equitable at the time of the merger.

2. With reference to the reduction of the American Board from 30 to 27% the following facts should be noted: Because of direct contributions the American Board has had more than 30% of the apportionment. In 1932 when all contributions were taken into account the American Board has 4.6% more than its share, the Conference and the Home Boards suffering thereby.

The Northern California Conference has never practiced the plan of equalization, i.e., the designating of money from certain churches for the Conference to offset the direct remittances to the American Board. It believes in the right of individuals and churches to say where their money shall go.

It is profoundly hoped that the new schedule is only temporary, and that an improvement of economic conditions will make it possible for us to maintain our work and contribute even more largely to the eastern boards than heretofore.

ASILOMAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Printed programs are being distributed for the Asilomar Young People's Conference, by Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, the director. Rev. James H. Price is to be Dean of Men and Mrs. L. M. Drury Dean of Women. Rev. O. W. S. McCall will serve as chaplain and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will preach the Conference sermon. Rev. Richard R. Morgan will direct recreation. Professor Allan Bacon will have charge of the music and Mrs. Helen E. Price will serve as Assistant Registrar. Professor George P. Hedley will give courses on "The Appreciation and Use of the Bible"; Rev. Norman Pendleton on "World Citizenship" and "A Christian Economic Order"; Professor Earl G. Lins-

ley on "Alcohol and Man"; Rev. Gail Cleland on "The Audacious Advance of Religion" and "Re-Thinking Christian Truths". Rev. Sherwood F. Moran of Japan will give the missionary courses. Mrs. T. E. Borden will discuss personal problems with girls and Rev. Norman Henderson will do the same for boys. Mrs. R. R. Morgan will be in charge of dramatics.

Room and board in the tent houses will be \$15.10, with a reduction of 60c for the week if 230 attend. The registration fee will be \$2.00 if paid before July 15th.

Further information may be secured from the Conference office or from the Director.

A new leader has been called to the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, has been unanimously called and has accepted to begin early in June.

Dr. Pierce was the successor of Dr. James L. Gordon at the First Congregational Church of Washington, D.C. He gained nation-wide fame as the pastor of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. During his ministry the church was very greatly strengthened in membership, its building was repaired, and a large fund raised and invested for the erection of a new church some time in the future.

Dr. Pierce went to Norfolk from Nashville, Tennessee, less than a year ago, but ever since leaving Washington has been desirous of again getting into a downtown pulpit. He is a man of abounding energy and brotherly spirit, and will bring to San Francisco great resources both in the pulpit and in church management. He will also be a leader in our state Congregational work. He is just in the prime of life and approaches the task with great enthusiasm. The PACIFIC extends sincere congratulations both to Dr. Pierce and to First Church.

"CITY AND CHURCH" MEET

"The City and the Church" will be the theme of an inter-denominational conference to be held in San Francisco, Thursday, May 11th, at the Glide Memorial Church, Ellis and Taylor streets. This conference is a continuation of the meeting held in Chicago in November when for three days the problems of the city were discussed by experts in that field. The San Francisco meeting is to open with a quiet time at 7 in the morning, followed by a fellowship breakfast. There will be conferences all day, and a mass meeting at night. Rev. Roy L. Smith, minister of the First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, and for many years in Minneapolis, will give an address and lead a conference. Other speakers are Rev. W. Clyde Smith, Rev. Robert N. McLean, Rev. Harold B. Camp. Detailed programs may be had from the Conference office. Ministers and lay people are invited to attend. There will be a registration fee of 25 cents.

DR. PALMER COMING

Word has been received that Rev. Albert W. Palmer will be one of the speakers at the State Conference to be held in Fresno October 17-19. Dr. Palmer, who was formerly pastor of Plymouth Church Oakland and is now president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, is well known in Northern California. He will give at least three addresses at the Conference during his visit. It will be remembered that Dr. Palmer gave a series of lectures at the Seattle National Council and was the preacher at the Omaha Council.

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BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

	Jan. 10- April, 1933	Apr. 30, 1933
Adin	\$ 10.52	\$ 10.52
Alameda	92.54	92.54
Angel's Camp	20.00	20.00
Antioch	11.10	11.10
Auburn	12.00	12.00
Berkeley, First	645.00	1936.00
Berkeley, North	135.35	249.73
Campbell		75.00
Ceres	14.98	23.66
Cloverdale	20.79	34.61
Cotati	30.00	41.11
Crockett	9.30	20.55
Eureka	55.05	55.05
Fairfax		10.00
Ferndale	117.63	122.76
Fowler		10.00
Fresno, First	37.50	75.00
Lodi, First	75.00	200.00
Martinez		22.10
Murphy		40.00
Oakland, First		1556.45
Oakland, Fruitvale	4.00	4.00
Oakland, Plymouth	100.00	300.00
Pacific Grove	21.85	82.25
Palo Alto	50.00	250.00
Paradise	38.00	38.00
Petaluma		210.57
Pittsburg	15.06	15.06
Redwood City		135.00
Reno, Nevada	98.63	98.63
Ripon	5.00	15.00
Sacramento	235.00	235.00
Salida	7.00	7.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany-Mission		
Park		5.00
Richmond		12.00
First	5.00	5.00
San Jose	70.00	260.00
Santa Cruz	250.00	251.00
Santa Rosa		59.99
Saratoga	100.00	100.00
Sebastopol	25.00	46.65
Sonoma		25.00
Sequel		10.00
Stockton		239.20
Suisun	30.00	30.00
Sunnyvale		9.40
Tulare		40.00
Woodside	41.50	41.50
Miscellaneous	100.00	211.00
	\$2472.28	\$7354.43

DEGREE CONFERRED

Rev. Dwight J. Bradley of Newton Center, Massachusetts, returned to his Alma Mater, the Pacific School of Religion, for the Commencement address on Thursday evening, May 4th. The school honored Mr. Bradley and itself in conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Bradley was an assistant at Plymouth Church during his seminary course. The PACIFIC joins with many friends of the school and of Dr. Bradley in extending congratulations.

SPRING ASSOCIATIONS REVEAL CHURCH PROGRESS

Rev. Harold M. Kingsley of Chicago Substitutes for George N. White

Something new under the sun in the way of Association meetings was planned and carried through by the Sacramento Valley Association. A year ago at the urgent invitation of Rev. Robert J. Allen, it was decided that the meeting this year should be at Weaverville. So far as any one could recall, no religious convention of any kind had ever been held in Trinity County. It was felt that on account of distance the attendance from the other churches of the Association would not be great, although as it turned out about thirty were present from Paradise, Oroville, Sacramento and Auburn.

The committee that planned the program felt that it would be a wise procedure to make just as great an impact on the entire community as possible. It was arranged for Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento to speak to the High School assembly. Following this a group of young people were invited to the parsonage, where plans for a new society were outlined under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. England of Auburn, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento, Rev. Noel J. Breed of Petaluma, and Mr. F. M. Duckles of the Mountain District of the Y. M. C. A. On the closing evening the women of the association and of the Weaverville community had dinner together in the parish house, and then listened to an address by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, following which they were led in a discussion of methods by Mrs. T. E. Borden of Alameda. At the same hour the Chamber of Commerce met for dinner, the entire meeting being devoted to the hearing of Association speakers. About sixty men were present. Rev. Lawrence Wilson and Rev. Noel J. Breed gave the addresses.

The Association sermon was preached on the first night by Rev. William J. Johnson of Oroville. The hospitality of the Weaverville people was most cordial, and the churches of Trinity County were received into the membership of the Sacramento Valley Association. Rev. R. N. England of Auburn is the new Moderator, and Rev. E. O. Chapel of Grass Valley was reelected Registrar.

The Ripon Church was host to the Central Association on April 26th. Large delegations were present from most of the churches. The Moderator for the ensuing year will be Mr. Stuart Thomson, of Ripon, and the Registrar, Rev. A. A. Kidder, of Stockton.

EMBARGO ON ARMS REQUESTED BY COMMISSION

An appeal to Congress for action to authorize the President to declare an embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition to the disputants in any military conflict is asked from the thirty-five annual Congregational and Christian Conferences which will meet in May. The request is made by the united denomination's Commission on International Relations.

A similar appeal is asked from the 500 Associations in which the churches are organized within the Conferences. Also each of the 6,670 churches separately and members individually are asked to write their senators and representatives in support of an embargo measure.

World peace, in the judgment of the Commission as expressed in the letter which is signed by the Commission as expressed in the letter which is signed by the Commission's secretary the Rev. Dr. Frederick L. Fagley, which is hanging by a very

slender thread. The moral forces of the world are considered now to be at grips with the greatest test they have yet faced in the campaign to abolish war. Four of the most serious factors in the present situation are said to be:

The increasing tenseness in economic relations;
The wrecking of the disarmament conference on the reef of political expediency;
The avowed intent of the Hitler government to restore Germany's lost territory;
The continued policies of aggression by Japan and Peru although both have been definitely condemned as covenant breakers.

The embargo on arms is advocated as the "first demand of commonsense and the first requisite of success" in making effective the Kellogg peace pact for the renunciation of war.

Almost on the eve of the beginning of the Association meetings, word was received from our guest speaker, Mr. George N. White, that serious illness would prevent his coming. In response to urgent telegrams to our national headquarters, Rev. Harold M. Kingsley consented to come as a substitute. Dr. Kingsley will be remembered by those who attended the Pacific Slope Congress in Berkeley, as one of the most brilliant speakers on that program. Of negro descent, he was educated in Talladega College and Yale University. He has been pastor of the Union Congregation of Newport R. I., the Mount Zion Church of Cleveland, and is now with the Church of the Good Shepherd in Chicago, which he has built up from 24 members to more than 800. In addition to his duties as pastor of this great church, he serves as director of negro work in the north for the Congregational Home Missionary Society. Dr. Kingsley is taking all of the dates in Mr. White's schedule excepting those of the first three days which were cared for by Conference Moderator Rev. Ralph C. Waddell and President of the Board of Directors Rev. Noel J. Breed.

At the annual meeting of the Sonoma Association a new constitution was adopted. By means of this the territory of the Association has been enlarged and the name is to be the Redwood Empire Association. As a result of this action, the churches of Humboldt County may be admitted to membership if it is their desire. For some years past there have not been enough churches in Humboldt to make a working association. The new moderator will be Rev. H. S. Davidson. Rev. L. D. Rathbone was reelected registrar and treasurer.

The San Joaquin Association met at Tulare on April 28th. Mrs. F. F. T. Watson of Oakland conducted the women's hour. Rev. Harold Kingsley of Chicago was the visiting speaker. The Moderator for the coming year will be Rev. M. G. Papazian, and the Registrar, Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer. The next year's association will be held at Porterville.

Santa Clara association was held at Saratoga May 2. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the moderator, arranged a young people's rally for the evening. Rev. H. S. Mahood is to be the moderator for the coming year. The fall meeting will be held at Sunnyvale.

CLARENCE H. STEVENS

On March 22nd death closed a career of forty years in the ministry for Rev. Clarence H. Stevens, retired pastor of the First Congregational Church of Redwood City. Mr. Stevens was born in Philadelphia 64 years ago, receiving his education in Moody Institute and at Iliff School of Theology, Denver. In 1893 he was married to Miss Hattie Geselbracht. After serving pastorates in Chicago and Denver he came to California where for 32 years he served our churches. In addition to thirteen years in Redwood City he was pastor in San Francisco, Martinez, Oroville, San Rafael and Lodi. Mr. Stevens is survived by his widow, by his mother, and a brother, also by two daughters and three sons. The funeral service was conducted by his successor and pastor, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton.

Mr. Stevens was a man of kindly personality and deep evangelical spirit. He was absolutely sincere and wholeheartedly devoted to the cause of Christ. His enthusiasm was contagious. An innumerable company of friends and former parishioners join with his loved ones in sincere gratitude for his life.

STATE CHURCH FEDERATION

The California State Church Federation has by unanimous action of its Executive Committee in Southern California on March 14th and by similar action of its Executive Committee in Northern California on March 28th, elected Dr. Guy W. Wadsworth Executive Secretary, and Rev. R. W. Bayless Field Secretary, effective April 1, 1933.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation is to be held in September, and it is confidently expected that under the able leadership of the new secretaries some very definite plans will be worked out looking toward a closer integration of a number of the more important inter-denominational agencies now carrying on work in California.

A committee of fifteen has been named in Southern California and a like number in Northern California for the purpose of suggesting ways and means by which economies may be effected and greater efficiency attained in our interdenominational activities in California.

Dr. Wadsworth is chairman of these committees, and it is planned to have some definite recommendations submitted by these committees at the annual meeting.

If the recommendations as presented or as modified are approved at the Annual Meeting, the proposed plan will be submitted to the various inter-denominational groups in the hope that during the succeeding year a new organization may be created which will definitely affiliate or merge the work of the State Church Federation, the Home Missions Council, the Council of Religious Education and other independent groups.

Anyone having suggestions or recommendations to make should submit them to Dr. Wadsworth, Executive Secretary of the California State Church Federation, 442 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11—Northern California Inter-denominational Conference on the City and the Church. Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco.
July 29 - August 5—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
August 5-12—Missionary Education Conference, Asilomar.
October 17-19—State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

BERKELEY. PARK—Fifty years of service and achievement were celebrated by this church April 23-25. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, preached the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the address on Sunday evening. The choir from the First Congregational Church Berkeley furnished the music. Two former pastors: Rev. Huber Burr and Rev. Norman Pendleton, participated in the Home Coming service on Monday evening, when greetings were read from former members and many old time acquaintanceships were renewed. The celebration closed with the spring meeting of the Bay Association on Tuesday, the 25th. Attendance at all of the exercises was most encouraging. In spite of hard times financially in that whole district, Park Church is making real progress under the leadership of Mr. Watt. The PACIFIC extends best wishes for the next fifty years.

SACRAMENTO. PIONEER. Seven new members were received into the Young People's Church on Easter. The adult new members will be welcomed at the May communion. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, regards the young people's church as a most promising development in our church life. He reports a membership of nearly a hundred, and a spirit of reverence and interest among the young people unparalleled in his ministry.

CERES. Rev. H. H. Wolford, who was pastor of this church until last autumn and who supplied during most of the winter until his illness, has removed to Stockton, where he will make his home with his daughter until such time as he is physically able to take up work. The Ceres Church has called Rev. James E. Enman for a period of six months. Mr. Enman will take up his work almost immediately.

ALAMEDA. Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee of Oakland was a guest speaker on a recent Sunday evening, using as his theme "If I Were a Christian." On April 23rd at the evening service the Bible drama "Ruth and Boaz," was presented. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, keeps a program of interest constantly before his people, and the response in attendance is most encouraging. Eighteen new members were received on Easter Sunday.

SANTA ROSA—Ten new members were received into the church on Easter Sunday. The Church welcomed the largest Easter morning congregation during the present pastorate. Through a readjustment in salary of the pastor, the church closed its fiscal year without deficit and opens the new year with courage and optimism. Rev. J. J. Jones is the pastor.

HAYWARD. The basement of the church has been remodeled and decorated. Folding partitions have been installed which give a very satisfactory substitute for individual classrooms. The spring class of members will be received in May. Rev. R. C. Day is the pastor.

ALTURAS. Rev. H. J. Loken, the new pastor, is now living in Alturas and has begun his work. Splendid attendance greeted him on Easter Sunday at Alturas, Likely and Davis Creek. There was a blinding snow storm for part of the day, but Mr. Loken is enjoying his experience.

OAKLAND. FIRST. Twenty young people went to Redwood Peak for Easter sunrise services. Ninety-five were in attendance at the adult Bible class led by Dr. George P. Hedley. Twelve hundred were in attendance at the 11 o'clock service, when Dr. Van Horn preached on "Living Faith a Lively Hope." At the vesper service 15 babies were baptized and 17 persons united with the church, seven of whom were from the church school. The Knights Templars were guests at the evening service, when there was an audience of 650. On Palm Sunday fifty young people presented a pageant: "The Wondrous Cross," and fifty others were in the choir. The interior of the church has been recently done over with material calculated to improve the acoustics.

SANTA CRUZ. The Easter services were the largest attended in many years. At the morning service the attendance reached about 700 and at the picture service in the evening many were turned away.

The Sunday School had no program but had a record attendance of 242. The annual candlelight service was held the evening of Holy Thursday when twelve were received into membership. Over 300 were present and 288 partook of the sacrament. Rev. Heber S. Mahood is the pastor.

OAKLAND. CALVARY. The attendance on Easter Sunday was larger than that of a year ago. Three were received into church membership and three children were baptized. Rev. John R. Shoemaker, the pastor, is completing his work with the church the last Sunday of April. He has been with the Calvary Church about four years. Prior to this time he was several years in Adin and Fort Bidwell in Modoc County.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A sun-rise Easter service was held on Democrat Hill under the direction of Rev. J. T. Munton, the pastor. The attendance was larger than that of a year ago and a movement is on foot to see that the grounds are leveled and put into proper condition for future years. There were large audiences for the regular church services at both Angel's Camp and Murphy.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH. The choir and orchestra of the church presented DuBois, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on Good Friday evening. The auditorium was practically filled on Easter Sunday, and a special offering of about \$500 was received. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

SALIDA. Increased congregations have welcomed the new pastor, Rev. A. T. Davies. Nineteen new members were received into the church on Easter Sunday.

GUERNEVILLE. Four new members were received on Easter by confession of faith. Mr. Ross H. Price and his wife are devoting much time to the work of the young people.

SEBASTOPOL. According to the report at the Sonoma Association the evening audiences are equal to those of the morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. Nine boys and girls were baptized on Easter Sunday, four of whom were from the Hip Wo School. Rev. B. Y. Leong is the pastor.

NILES. Twenty-one new members were received on Easter Sunday, seven of them on confession of faith. About six other persons will soon be uniting. The Ladies' Guild has more than forty members, many of whom are from outside of the church. A union service for women of the Protestant churches of the vicinity was held on Good Friday, with a splendid attendance. Mrs. E. G. Brinkmeyer, the wife of the pastor, directed a play presented by the Primary Department on Palm Sunday. Church attendance was doubled for the event, while the Sunday School attendance broke all records for ten years or more.

PETALUMA. The choir has become so large that new benches have been installed and extra robes provided. On Palm Sunday Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ" was sung. Rev. Lynn T. White was the speaker at the union three-hour services on Good Friday. The largest Easter morning attendance in many years was present at the regular hour of worship. Seven boys and girls united with the church. In the evening a cast of 55 presented the pageant: "The Dawning." Rev. Noel J. Breed is the pastor.

FRESNO. Rev. Norman B. Henderson, the pastor, and one of his outstanding laymen, were successful in being elected to the Board of Education of the Fresno City District. In spite of the propaganda against a minister carrying religion into politics, Dr. Henderson received the largest vote ever given to a candidate for this office, and ran more than 1600 votes ahead of the higher of the two opponents defeated.

VALLEY OF THE MOON. On Wednesday evenings a pot luck supper is served at the Sonoma Church following which the choir practices and a discussion group meets. The young people of the church have installed a complete new lighting system. The Sunday School at Glen Ellen has been increasing. Rev. F. E. Boren and Mr. Wesley Gordon are in charge of the parish work.

REDWOOD CITY. The Congo Club, a discussion group of young people of college age, has been organized with a charter membership of thirty members. Rev. Norman Pendleton, the pastor, has been devoting considerable time to the work of the Committee of Ten.

SAN JOSE. A generous Easter offering was made. Nine new members were received into the fellowship of the church. Rev. Benjamin Gould is the pastor.

EUREKA. Twelve were received into membership on Easter, and a benevolence offering of \$54 was taken. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. Ten senior members and four junior members were admitted into the church on Easter Sunday. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

LODI. Nine persons united with the church on Easter Sunday, and four babies were baptized. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

BROADMOOR. Eleven new members were received on Easter Sunday. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. A training school on ten Wednesday evenings has recently been completed. Rev. George E. Brown, the pastor, gave one course on "Teaching Religion," dealing with principles and methods of instruction. Mrs. Julian C. Whitman gave a course on "The Pupil," which treated of the psychological equipment and development of the child. The attendance reached as high as 40, 25 taking the courses for credit.

On Palm Sunday and Good Friday the Philharmonic Society of Burlingame and San Mateo furnished special music.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Easter Sunday Superintendent Harley H. Gill finished six weeks of supply work. During Holy week noon day services were held and on Good Friday pastors of our churches in the Bay area assisted in the conduct of the three-hour services. Large congregations were present on Easter Sunday and more than \$1100 was contributed which will enable the church to greatly reduce its deficit. About \$1500 in new pledges was added to the subscriptions for the year.

BERKELEY. FIRST. In previous years on Easter Sunday, arrangements have been made for an overflow meeting in Pilgrim Hall, where a congregation listened to the service in the main auditorium by means of loud speakers. This proved unsatisfactory. This year two identical Easter services were presented. A congregation that filled the building was present at 9 o'clock, and then at 11 the building was crowded to capacity and people turned away. A third audience filled the church at the evening service.

TULARE. Three hundred and fifty people crowded the auditorium on Easter Sunday morning. At a communion service in the evening thirteen new members were received into the church. The open forum which has met every Sunday evening since October, has been most successful with a fine series of lectures and excellent attendance. Rev. R. B. Whitaker is the pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Eleven were received into the church on Easter Sunday by confession of faith. Four babies were baptized. The young people of the church are furnishing music at evening services. Recently the Junior Japanese church of Monterey was in charge. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW. A new roof has been placed on the parsonage and is paid for. Through the courtesy of a friend, the church has come into possession of a piano and organ. The Young People of the church are busy in raising funds for Asilomar. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. This church received a splendid class of about ten persons on the last Sunday of April. Rev. Henry Stauffer is the pastor.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE. Mr. James E. Boyd, the pastor, reports five baptisms on Easter.



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Women's Federation News

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The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a.m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

PARADISE and PATCHES

Paradise, beautifully located town, where snow-capped peaks and glorious sunsets are envisaged daily, has people who, with the co-operation of their loved pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Shier, visualize other things as well. They have discovered a new way to make money. Here it is: Two members of their Women's Association made two aprons. Then began the contest to see which woman could cover her apron with patches first. Under each patch a silver piece was slipped, which resulted in many extra dollars for the treasury.

The Sacramento women also believe in patches, but they put theirs on squares of unbleached muslin designated for a quilt. Each member receiving a block secured as many black patches as possible at a penny each, then sewed them on her bit of muslin. One woman—"believe it or not"—secured 700 pieces for her square, which if you are a mathematical genius (!) you will see totals \$7.00. The quilt, when finished, netted between \$70 and \$80 for the women, all through patches at one penny apiece. Try it.

BERKELEY WOMEN

Mrs. H. O. Hildebrand, President of the Berkeley W.C.T.U., and sister of Dr. Herman F. Swartz, told the women at their large spring meeting that the 18th Amendment was not a political but a protective measure for the American home; that Government exists to preserve the welfare and happiness of the social order and that a large part of our church work is devoted to social and child welfare and progress. Because a matter is controversial is no excuse for not discussing it; all living issues are controversial, dead ones alone are not. The emotional element will be eliminated when we discuss the subject of alcohol intelligently and scientifically. Let us begin the alcohol education campaign as outlined by the Committee of Ten in the Lincoln Legion, in this broad, intelligent way. Has YOUR church begun to make plans for this campaign? Do you prefer to be of use or just comfortable? "Are you sheltered, curled up and content, by the world's warm fire?"

Then I say that your soul is in danger;

The sons of Light, they are down with God in the mire,

God is in the manger!"

(Edwin Markham, "The Peril of Ease")

A DISARMAMENT MESSENGER

Our own Kathleen Norris will represent San Francisco and California, in the campaign of the Women's International League for Peace, to secure signatures to a petition for international disarmament which she will carry to President Roosevelt. The women of 48 states are to conduct a "whirlwind tour" and campaign for this cause. When asking our San Francisco mayor to head the petition, Mrs. Norris pointed out that while millions of people in the United States are hungry and out of work, the Government is spending \$2,000,000 A DAY FOR MILITARY AND NAVAL PURPOSES.

THE TWO P's

What are they? Peace and Prohibition, to be sure, major problems in our country and the world today. In First Church, Berkeley, Mrs. Frank Irwin has been conducting a most successful Round Table on Peace. Up-to-date information is presented and an opportunity given for discussion of the latest press and magazine articles. At the May meeting, one of Sidney Gulick's dialogues on International Relations is to be given. There is a series of fascinating, informing playlets for older or younger groups. Send at once for a sample copy, enclosing stamp, to Rev. Sidney Gulick, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 103 East 22nd St., New York City.

FRENCH AND GERMAN WOMEN APPEAL

French and German women give these staggering figures to their separate governments: twelve million dead; five million disabled and crippled; thirty million without work. They protest against compulsory military service, against air maneuvers that "tend to give a false feeling of security, and at the same time a war psychosis which is of profit to manufacturers." They protest against meaningless words and demand "total and universal disarmament." Three cheers for these patriotic, peace-demanding French and German women! Shall we Christian American women stand beside them in their demands for peace and justice and home, or by the munition makers, who by their insidious tactics encourage war for their own selfish profits?

WHAT IS INTOXICATION?

A Fresno man was arrested for killing a man when intoxicated, but he said he had ONLY had three drinks. Two would-be aviators, fortified by ONLY two drinks, stole a plane the night of March 12th, cavorted about the roofs, gas tanks and high-tension wires of Monterey until finally, their gas giving out, they crashed into the breakers, swam ashore and were arrested. Scientific experts have just shown that rats with brains partially removed act exactly like rats that have been given a dose of alcohol. How about humans?

YOSEMITE PROGRAM

The Yosemite National Park Church has announced its program for the summer. Beginning with the first Sunday in June, Lutheran services will be held at 10 o'clock, Roman Catholic mass at 6, 9 and 11, and great outdoor union services at 11 and 7:45. There will be a Christian Science meeting at 3 o'clock and a Young People's vesper at 9:15. Among the list of preachers for the summer will be found the names of Rev. Norman B. Henderson of Fresno, Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Martinez and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. This church is supported in part by the various denominations. Rev. James Asa White is pastor. During the summer season he plans the programs and during the winter he preaches in the church in the old village.

Royola Writes

A letter has come to the Editor of The PACIFIC from Rev. P. F. Royola, formerly our missionary among the Filipinos in the Salinas Valley. Mr. Royola is now located at the United Evangelical Church of the Philippines, Cagayan, Oriental Misamis, P. I. It is a rapidly growing city in Northern Mindanao, about 500 miles south of Manila and the center from which all the surrounding country can be reached. The opportunity for Christian service in this locality is perhaps greater than anywhere else in the Islands. The annual convention of the Conference is to be entertained by Mr. Royola's church during May. This church is part of the United Evangelical Church of the Philippines. The young people in the public schools are becoming deeply interested in Protestant Christianity. A new organization, known as the Pioneers of the Philippines, has been started. It is similar to the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Royola would be glad to have books and reading material to be used in the library for these boys.

HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY

The new Handbook and Directory for the Conferences and the Federation of Congregational Women has been mailed to the churches. In order to save money it was decided not to print the usual conference minute book, but to prepare the handbook, which contains a full directory of all officers and committees of the Conference and Federation, and all ministers who are members of the Conference, a statistical table and directory for all of the churches is provided by associations. It is a forty-page book, and the manual work was all done in the office of the Conference.

It is anticipated that at the annual meeting in October a sheaf of reports will be prepared which, together with this handbook, will give all the necessary information regarding our work.

CHURCH NEWS

(Continued)

SEBASTOPOL. At a recent Sunday evening service Rev. George E. Atkinson offered FOR SALE a High School boy and a College man, symbolic of the youth of the country. Men representing Medicine, Banking, Law and Education bid for the services of the young men, each giving a seven-minute talk on his own profession.

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE UNITED. During the past month a "balance the budget" program has resulted in the raising of the money to meet a large deficit. Rev. Joseph Carpenter and Rev. James H. Price are in charge of the work.

SAN CARLOS. Three new members were received into the church on Easter. Aid from the Building Society in reducing the debt is expected. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

BENICIA. Sixteen persons united with the church Easter Sunday, seven of whom were High School girls, the others adults. Rev. Ernest Houlding is the pastor.

COTATI. Five new members were taken into the church on Palm Sunday. Mr. Milton Gabrielson is pastor of the church.

"There's no place for the Cocktail in the Cockpit." This slogan was sent to the Pacific by Rev. Arthur B. Patten of Madison, Conn.

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"THE LINE SHALL NOT BREAK WHERE I STAND!"

Times are hard!

Money is scarce!

Budgets are being cut!

It is easy to get panicky!

But I will not surrender to my fears!

God is in His heaven and His world!

He trusts me and I will do my part!

The problem of our fellowship today is just at this point. If every member of every church keeps his own duty and privilege in mind, the total results will take care of themselves.

Contributions for the benevolences of the Congregational Churches sent directly to this office will be thankfully received and credit will be given to the donor's church, if desired.

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